



**HATFIELD  
CHRISTIAN  
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## **LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 2 WEEK 8**

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### **A Life Patterned After His Will**

‘Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will’

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

#### **Icebreaker**

Have you ever been in a situation where you were in grave danger, but weren’t aware of it at the time? What happened, and how were you rescued?

#### **Introduction**

What is God’s will and how do we find it?

Finding the will of God is a process that begins with setting our minds and affections on God. When we turn our focus on Him, our lives can be patterned according to His will. However, when we turn away from Him, we start becoming conformed to the pattern of the world. No one lives in neutral; we are all pursuing something.

On this journey of seeking the Lord’s will, He rarely provides a blueprint for the future (like Noah in Genesis 6:13). More often, the Lord asks us to walk in faith (like Abraham in Genesis 12:1), giving us only enough detail to take the next step. He uses the journey to transform us so that we are able to discern His good, pleasing and perfect will.

#### **Discussion**

- Have you ever asked the Lord to show you His will in a certain situation, and you believed that He did? What happened? Share with each other.
- In Romans 1:20-32, Paul portrays a dark picture emphasising the pattern of the world. He does this to show that everybody needs salvation. Read this passage from a couple of different translations and then discuss the following:
  - What stands out to you? Why?

- 'God gave them over' is a repeated phrase, therefore it is important. What does it mean?

*God allowed people to experience the natural consequences of the choices they had made.*

- The downward three-step from impurity (Vs. 24-25), to degradation (Vs. 26-27), and finally to depravity (Vs. 28-32) takes place as a person follows the pattern of the world.

How would you define these three words: impurity, degradation and depravity?

How do you see these three words being linked?

- Do you agree that 'good, pleasing and perfect' are antonyms of 'impure, degraded and depraved'? Say why or why not.
- What draws your attention away from God? How can you keep Him as the focus of your heart? How will a sustained focus on the Lord affect your family, friendships, and your workplace?
- Read Romans 3:23 and 6:23. Break up into groups of two or three. In your group, share the story of how you came to know the Lord, using these two scriptures.

### **Prayer**

- Pray for each other, that we will have the boldness to tell our families and the people in our circles of influence of the perfect way that the Lord rescued us.
- Pray for us as a community of believers at Hatfield, that we will not only focus on our own lives, but that the Lord will reveal the bigger picture to all of us.

### **Remember**

#WorshipStation is a great social media initiative to help us see how others are following this Kingdom pattern in their everyday spaces. Have fun and share your pictures on any of our social media pages!